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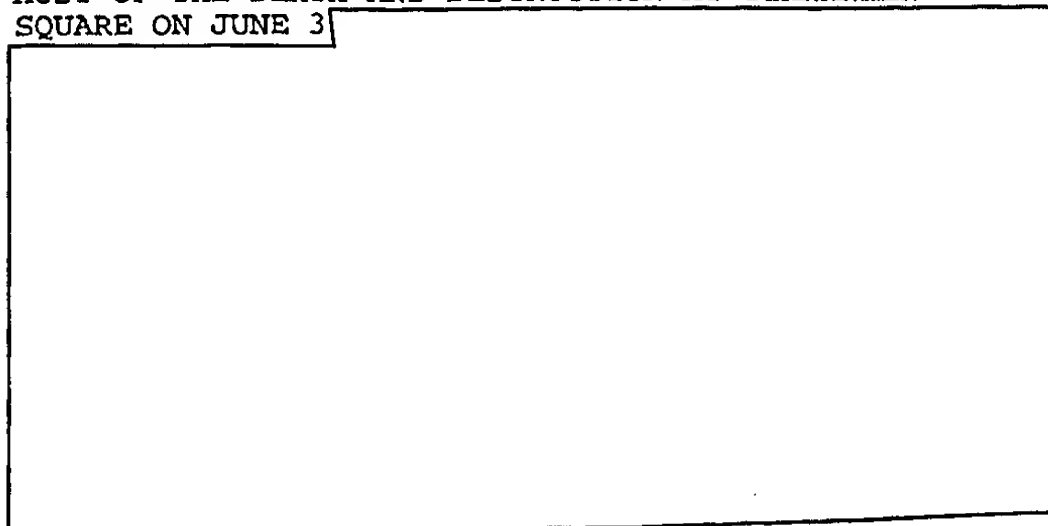
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7. (C) EARLIER (JUNE 5, 1600), THE CONGEN REPORTED BY TELEX THAT A STALEMATE HAD DEVELOPED IN CHENGDU BETWEEN PROTESTERS WHO FILLED THE STREETS AND CONTINUED TO BURN SOME VEHICLES, AND SOLDIERS WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS AND OCCASIONALLY LOBBED TEAR GAS INTO THE CROWD. STUDENTS WERE A DISTINCT MINORITY IN THE CROWDS. MANY WORKERS SAID THAT THEIR FACTORIES HAD ALREADY UNOFFICIALLY GONE ON STRIKE. NO NEW CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED, BUT DEATH TOLLS FROM THE JUNE 4 RIOT CONTINUED TO MOUNT. AWAY FROM THE CROWDS AT THE CITY CENTER, STREET ACTIVITY APPEARED NORMAL, EXCEPT THAT NO POLICE WERE ON THE STREETS DIRECTING TRAFFIC. THE GATES OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES WERE OPEN, AND THERE WERE NO POLICE OR TROOPS IN EVIDENCE. LILLEY

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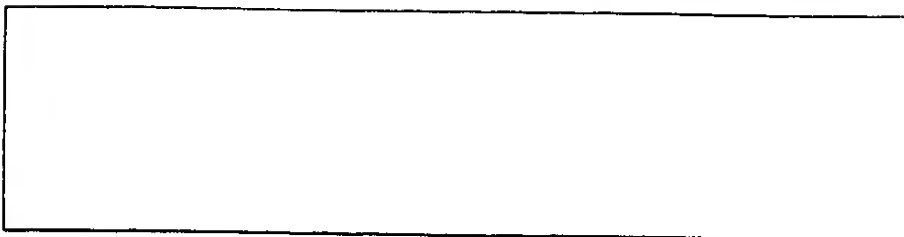
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	L-03	LAB-04	TRSE-00	PM-10	AIT-02	PA-01	CCO-00
	OMB-01	STR-18	SIL-01	INRE-00	OCS-06	CA-02	FBOE-05
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HOTEL GATE THAT WERE PRESUMABLY THERE TO CONTROL THE
MOBBING. THE 15 AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS WENT BACK
TO THEIR HOTEL ROOMS AND THE CONSULATE STAFF WENT TO
BED. CONGEN COMMENTED THAT THE HOTEL LOBBY WAS A
MESS.

7. (C) EARLIER (JUNE 5, 1600), THE CONGEN REPORTED
BY TELEX THAT A STALEMATE HAD DEVELOPED IN CHENGDU

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BETWEEN PROTESTERS WHO FILLED THE STREETS AND CONTINUED TO BURN SOME VEHICLES, AND SOLDIERS WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS AND OCCASIONALLY LOBBED TEAR GAS INTO THE CROWD. STUDENTS WERE A DISTINCT MINORITY IN THE CROWDS. MANY WORKERS SAID THAT THEIR FACTORIES HAD ALREADY UNOFFICIALLY GONE ON STRIKE. NO NEW CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED, BUT DEATH TOLLS FROM THE JUNE 4 RIOT CONTINUED TO MOUNT. AWAY FROM THE CROWDS AT THE CITY CENTER, STREET ACTIVITY APPEARED NORMAL, EXCEPT THAT NO POLICE WERE ON THE STREETS DIRECTING TRAFFIC. THE GATES OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES WERE OPEN, AND THERE WERE NO POLICE OR TROOPS IN EVIDENCE. LILLEY

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